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ENGLAND

Dealing Death Blow to America's Export and Import Trade.

Great Britain Manufacturers Given Trade Secrets by Government.

Majority of American Press Unfair in Treatment of Warring Countries.

MERCHANTS PROTEST STRONGLY

One predominating feature from an American standpoint in the present European war is the unfairness of the great majority of the press of the country in discussing contentions arising with the different contenders engaged. Any news antagonistic to Germany is featured, while any news unfavorable to the others, and England especially, is published in an obscure part of the paper with doubting headlines as an introduction. Only recently six German subjects were removed from American ships in West India waters by a French cruiser with no reason given save that they were Germans. This is in direct violation of the principles which the United States has always stood for, and in accordance with which it released the Confederate Commissioners Mason and Slidell, who were "taken from a British vessel by a Federal cruiser during the civil war. Secretary of State Lansing cabled to the American Ambassador a protest against the high-handed seizure, but to date the daily papers above mentioned are not emphasizing that protest. During the different stages of our protest to Germany and Austria this same press went into hysterics attempting to arouse sentiment against those two countries.

Now take England, for example, in regard to the tying up of our export and import trade. This is an injustice to our merchants and business men and a blow to the country in general, but the pro-English press in its mad attacks on the Kaiser and militarism is too busy to take cognizance of this outrage. Apropos of this a writer in Leslie's Weekly says:

"Two glaring instances may be cited, although there are many others on record. In the Birkfeld filter case the facts briefly stated are as follows: The clay which is used in the production of these filters is found only in Germany. The filter is the only one known that is wholly satisfactory for the filtration of anti-toxins and for that purpose it is employed in medical research work, in laboratories, in hospitals and by physicians. An American firm of importers ordered a supply of these filters prior to March 1, 1915, and filed an application for their release from Rotterdam, complying exactly with the requirements of the British Government. The case hung fire for months, being delayed on one pretext or another. In the interval there came a letter from an English manufacturer offering to supply the American firm with filters, for scientific use, and claiming superiority for his article over the Birkfeld one. This offer was followed by others from different British manufacturers, showing that information about the order for the Birkfeld filter had "leaked" and that the British manufacturers were endeavoring to make use of it to introduce their goods into this market.

Another case is that of an order for \$1,000 worth of glass scientific instruments for research work at the Rockefeller Institute. These goods, after much effort, were released. But the British Embassy added to the letter authorizing their liberation substantially this statement: "Similar goods may be bought as cheaply in England and it is confidently expected that future orders for them will be placed with British manufacturers, which will avoid such delays as applicant has experienced." This was signed by the British Ambassador.

These and similar instances show that the information obtained from American importers is not held in confidence by the British authorities, but in some way gets to manufacturers and exporters, who use it to further their own trade. Not only has England practically killed the business of our importers from Germany and Austria but she has also stopped all exports from the United States to either of these belligerents. As a consequence neutral lines of steamers plying to Europe, rather than have their vessels held up, searched and cargoes confiscated, refuse to accept in this country any goods intended for enemies of Great Britain, and will not carry goods that are not certified by the British Consuls in America.

While Great Britain is suggesting to American merchants that they should buy from British sources instead of from Germany or Austria, she is also restricting exports from the United States to neutral countries to an extent that suggests that she is endeavoring to force importers in neutral European countries to order American goods from British dealers, who in turn order them from America, and make a war profit on them. This has been charged repeatedly, and there is confirmation of this charge in the rapid recovery of the British re-export trade, which

tell away to almost nothing in the early days of the war. From the beginning the British attempted to make the national motto "Business as usual." Even now it seems that, while they have found that nothing can be as usual during war, they are straining themselves and their ethics to keep the mercantile machine in operation.

The truth is that Great Britain, through the strength of her navy and the extent of her mercantile marine, has a firm grasp on the trade of the world and means to keep it. Her superiority in sea trade is especially effective at this time, when the war has removed through internment, destruction or commandeering more than one-quarter of the world's sea-going tonnage from peaceful commerce. It would seem that this advantage should satisfy her and that she should be above resorting to small tricks to further her commercial interests.

INTO ETERNAL REST.

Christmas morning God called to her heavenly reward Sister Mary Bonaventura, for over fifty years a member of the Ursuline order and for the greater part of that time a teacher in the parochial schools of this city. Sister Mary died from the effects of a paralytic stroke she suffered eleven days before while making some fancy work as a present for another Sister. The stroke occurred just as the aged nun was finishing the needlework in the presence of other Sisters, whom she had called to her room to see the piece. For a week she had prayed that she might die the day the Christ Child was born. By a strange coincidence it also was the day on which she had planned to give the Rockefeller foundation. This request came with assurance from the Mexican Government that adequate plans for the relief of suffering were being carried out and that the Red Cross was no longer needed. In the middle of October, when the Red Cross agent, Charles J. O'Connor, left Mexico City, however, he felt that the situation was serious. He had found that the official record of burials in one cemetery in the early part of August gave starvation as the cause of 8 per cent. of the deaths. How the lack of food—with the help of typhus—has swelled the death rate may be gathered from the deaths in the Federal district. In early October the daily number of deaths was about 300 in a population of about 700,000. The normal number used to be eighty-one, or a death rate of about forty. The death rate in early October was thus, but not departed one iota from the historic position of his predecessors. In fact it is most interesting to note how harmoniously his views accord with those of the beloved Plus and how this policy in turn coincides with the unmistakable position of Leo XIII.

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CARRANZA

Ousts American Red Cross While Mexico's Poor People Starve.

Soup Stations Close Just as Money from United States Was on Way.

The Light Crops of This Year Point to Even Greater Distress.

OUTLOOK APPEARS MOST GRAVE

After conducting relief work for several months in Mexico, in response to an appeal from the people of that country, the American Red Cross has recently withdrawn at the request of Gen. Carranza. This request came just at a time when increased relief funds were available from the American public, including a special appropriation from the Rockefeler foundation. This request came with assurance from the Mexican Government that adequate plans for the relief of suffering were being carried out and that the Red Cross was no longer needed. In the middle of October, when the Red Cross agent, Charles J. O'Connor, left Mexico City, however, he felt that the situation was serious. He had found that the official record of burials in one cemetery in the early part of August gave starvation as the cause of 8 per cent. of the deaths. How the lack of food—with the help of typhus—has swelled the death rate may be gathered from the deaths in the Federal district. In early October the daily number of deaths was about 300 in a population of about 700,000. The normal number used to be eighty-one, or a death rate of about forty. The death rate in early October was thus, but not departed one iota from the historic position of his predecessors. In fact it is most interesting to note how harmoniously his views accord with those of the beloved Plus and how this policy in turn coincides with the unmistakable position of Leo XIII.

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distress and starvation in the months ahead, and the normal planting was not done owing to the fear of farmers that the soldiers would take everything they could and that there would be difficulty in selling produce. The outlook appears to be extremely grave.

HOLY SEE.

The Late Pontiff Adhered to the Same Policy as Leo and Benedict.

Roman Question an Important Problem Which Europe Must Solve.

Matter of Independence of the Holy See Can scarcely Be Evaded.

SOLUTION WILL BENEFIT WORLD

Not the least of the important problems which Europe must endeavor to solve at the conclusion of the present conflict is the vital and imperative Roman question. The matter of the independence of the Holy See can scarcely be evaded. Whether they will or not, the conference of the powers will almost certainly have to concern themselves with this unsettled problem, the proper solution of which will not only mean benefit for the church but the welfare of Europe as well. A number of continental law experts, especially Filippo Crispoli in Italy, have shown of late how untenable the break-down of the law of guarantees has made the present situation. The present Pontiff, because of the many pressing necessities of the time, has wisely refrained from pushing forward this matter until the proper moment will arrive for its consideration. At the same time he has not departed one iota from the historic position of his predecessors. In fact it is most interesting to note how harmoniously his views accord with those of the beloved Plus and how this policy in turn coincides with the unmistakable position of Leo XIII.

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GREETING.

To our friends and patrons we wish a happy and prosperous new year, and for all good health and continued success, both spiritually and materially. Let us all pray that peace will bless our country and that the disastrous European war may soon end.

CHRISTMAS.

Christmas was observed in Louisville with true religious spirit and more generally than ever before. Long before 5 o'clock the streets were filled with people wending their way to the Catholic churches, and when the priests ascended the altars for the first mass there was not one edifice that was not filled. And the same may be said of the masses that followed later. At the orphan asylums, hospitals, homes and other Catholic institutions there were joyous celebrations, and the collections for the poor children were generous. Louisville certainly had a merry Christmas, a day of sunshine without rain or snow.

WHOSE CHOICE?

A local Baptist paper criticizes the Catholic press for protesting against the recognition of Carranza and says that is proof sufficient that the Catholic church is in politics. If protesting against the murder of priests and the outrages of nuns is political in character, then Catholics will have to plead guilty. The above Baptist editor further argues that Carranza is the popular choice of Mexico, but fails to concede that the lowest character in Mexico would have arrived at Carranza's high station with the backing furnished by Wilson's administration, allowing the exportation of ammunition to his troops and granting his armies permission to cross through United States territory.

CRITICS OF WILSON.

President Wilson's course in dealing with the countries now at war has not pleased many in his own party. There are signs of strong opposition developing in Congress, and to what length it may lead before the next election can be only vaguely conjectured. That the American people will hold the President to "strict accountability" for the course he has pursued in dealing with the European belligerents is the prediction of a number of Senators, Democrats as well as Republicans, who are preparing to submit to the country an analysis of the results of the administration's foreign policy. The Senators who are planning a vigorous attack on the President's foreign policy include these two counts in their indictment:

President Wilson has failed to stop British depredations upon American commerce and has tolerated British violations of international law and British breach of American neutrality to an extent that brands his administration as pro-British.

Although all the belligerents are ignoring international law, he has singled out the Teutonic empires to hold to "strict accountability," with the result of impairing present and future relations with those countries, and has pursued a course which has not prevented the sacrifice of 150 American lives up to date.

According to these critics of the administration the President is entitled to no credit for "keeping this country out of war," for it is evident that the last thing desired by Germany and Austria is trouble with the United States.

Of course, it is easy to understand the source of these criticisms. For many months President Wilson's course has been severely criticized by those whose sympathies incline toward Germany. The President and his friends figure that this opposition will be offset by gains among those who dislike Germany. At any rate, opines the True Voice, there is likely to be a great defection from party lines in the next election. Who will benefit by the changes of party allegiance remains to be seen. President Wilson will have a thorny road to travel during the next few months.

IMMIGRATION SPECULATION.

Much speculation has been indulged in as to the probable effects of the war on immigration to the

SOCIETY.

Miss Gussie Blandford was last week the guest of Miss Mary Mackin at Springfield.

Miss Hallie Crawley was a holiday visitor at Lancaster, the guest of Mrs. Michael Hayes.

Miss Mary Elizabeth Campbell was host Tuesday morning at a most pleasant 500 party.

Miss Geneva Alderson has as her New Year's guest Miss Marguerite McConnell, of St. Louis.

Capt. John J. Lyons, one of the Democratic leaders in Indiana, is ill of rheumatism in New Albany.

Mrs. V. Wellington was a recent visitor at Bardstown, the guest of I. J. Cotton and Mrs. Perry Bean.

Miss Sue Goering has been spending the holidays with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Goering, at Hawesville.

Miss Minnie Murray, of Clifton, will return next week from Latonia, where she is spending the holidays with relatives.

Miss Virginia Kraft is here from Nashville to be with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Kraft, until after the holidays.

Miss Alice Miller arrived last week from Nashville to be the holiday guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John H. Miller.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward F. Friess spent Xmas with Mrs. Friess' mother and brother, William J. Coakley, in Portland.

Miss Mary O'Connor, 1713 Bank street, has as her guest for the holiday season her cousin, John R. O'Connor, of Indianapolis.

Mr. and Mrs. Leo C. Schuhmann and family have been spending the week with Mrs. Schuhmann's mother, Mrs. Ludorf, at Indianapolis.

Phil Kelly returned Wednesday from an extended trip to Oklahoma, Texas, Arkansas and Louisiana, where he visited his relatives.

Mrs. Benjamin Gildehaus, 1508 East Elm street, New Albany, entertained at dinner Wednesday in honor of Earl Knob, a West Point cadet.

John D. Holland, the well known Postal operator, has christened his latest arrival Louis Bertrand Holland, in honor of the Dominican church.

Michael Finnegan, who is attending school at Madison, Ind., is spending the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Dan Finnegan, in Jeffersonville.

Mrs. Blanche Shelley and Mrs. Kate Shelly Newman will give a New Year's tea this afternoon in honor of Mrs. Charles Jones, of Portland, Ore.

Mrs. Frank Burke and Miss Jean Burke, of Jeffersonville, have as their holiday guests Frank Burke, of Indianapolis, and George Maurer, of San Francisco.

Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin F. Kling and children, who spent several days with Mrs. Kling's sister, Miss Carrie Somerfield, in Aurora, Ind., have returned to Louisville.

Joseph P. Hines, Secretary to Congressman Swagar Sherley, has been here on a holiday visit to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas H. Hines, 1023 South Sixth street.

Walter Higgins, of Mobile, has been spending the week here attending the annual year-end convention of salesmen for the Louisville Varnish Company and visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. William M. Higgins.

Miss Jane Violet and Will Sheridan were married by the Rev. Father O'Connor at the rectory of Holy Name church, and are spending a week at Lexington. On returning they will reside with Mrs. J. Sheridan, of 4908 South Third street.

Miss Grace Marie Kirn and J. Griffin Carlisle Creel were united in marriage last Monday evening and immediately following the ceremony left for a bridal tour East. The bride is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edward F. Kirn, of East Magnolia street, and has been popular in Catholic circles. The groom is a well known young business man of this city. After January 10 they will be at home to their friends at 1136 South Fourth avenue.

Miss Nellie R. Smith and Grover Maguire were married at St. Louis Bertrand's church Monday morning at 9 o'clock with a baptismal mass, the wedding ceremony being performed by Rev. Father R. G. Lyons. The bride is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. B. R. Smith, of 726 Seventh street, and the groom is a son of Mrs. Maguire, and a brother of Thomas Maguire and Mrs. C. J. Waldschmidt. After a wedding breakfast at the bride's home the happy couple left on a bridal tour East, and on their return are expected to locate at Ludlow.

DOUBLE WEDDING.

Mr. and Mrs. D. Kalaher have announced the engagement of their daughters, Miss Alvina C. Kalaher, to Charles A. Gokee, and Miss Julia M. Kalaher, to James L. Mullarkey. Their marriage will take place the latter part of January. The contracting parties are popular in the younger society set, and much interest will be taken in the double event.

SACRED COLLEGE.

The number of Cardinals is now sixty, ten short of a "plenum." There were twenty-nine Italians by birth and thirty-one "foreigners" in the Sacred College.

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HIBERNIANS.

What They Have Been Doing
the Past Week—General
News Notes.

Division 2 will meet next Monday evening.

Division 3 will install officers next Monday.

To all members we wish a happy and successful New Year.

The Ladies' Auxiliary will install officers next Wednesday evening.

Plans for the celebration of St. Patrick's day are now being discussed.

Our St. Patrick's day committee will soon be busy preparing for a great celebration.

Effort will be made to organize a division at Jackson Tenn., before the next State convention.

Next Tuesday night Division 33 of New York City will confer degrees on 200 new members.

Officers and members of Division 1 are evidently pleased with this year's doings of the mother division.

County President W. J. Connolly will install the newly elected division officers at their first meeting in January.

Members of the order throughout the city hope that the illness of Thomas Shelly will be of short duration.

The Ladies' Auxiliary juvenile division of Indianapolis is planning a celebration for the feast of St. Brigid.

Every member of Division 1 is urged to be present at the next meeting to assist in the installation of officers.

An earnest membership campaign in Louisville should be productive of good results and greatly strengthen the four divisions.

The Ladies' Auxiliary of Winsted, Conn., has presented \$350 to Father Andrew for a window for the new St. Joseph's church.

The Hibernians of South St. Paul, following their Christmas custom, received holy communion in a body at St. Augustine's church.

Division 8 of Baltimore continues its activity and as a starter of its extension campaign reinstated seven and secured six new applications.

There will be two new faces in the County Board from Division 3, L. J. Mackey and John Riley, and one from Division 4, James McTigue.

County President Connolly intends to call a meeting of the County Board as soon as the new officers are installed in the four divisions.

President Mark Ryan was closely pleased with the attendance so high on the eve of Christmas, and in a felicitous manner extended the season's greetings.

Many applications are expected at the meeting of Division 3 on Monday, as all are pledged to bring in at least one new member under the new initiation fee.

Speaking at Watertown, National President McLoughlin declared that the five weeks spent in touring New York State he had seen more than 5,000 new members initiated.

Over 200 were seated at the recent banquet of Ladies' Auxiliary 2 at Indianapolis. State and county officers were present and Rev. P. H. Griffin delivered a fine address.

Vice President Thomas Lynch, of Division 4, was absent from the meeting Monday evening for the first time in years. Incidentally Mr. Lynch holds the record for bringing in new members in the entire city.

Thursday night was a big night for Brooklyn Hibernians. Holy Cross Hall was overengaged for the county initiation, when a tremendous class received the degrees.

National, State and county officers participated in the ceremonies.

PLANS FOR FUND.

At the meeting of Division 4, A. O. H., Monday evening, plans were discussed to raise a fund for the donation of the new marble altar steps in St. Louis Bertrand's church, and President John Hennessy has appointed a committee who will report back at next meeting in regard to an entertainment to be given in the spring for that purpose.

FORTY HOURS.

The Forty Hours' Adoration will open tomorrow morning at St. Peter's church, Seventeenth and Garland, with beautifully impressive services and musical programme. Rev. Father Kalsel will direct the devotions and will be assisted by priests from other churches. The closing service will be held Tuesday evening.

BROTHER ISIDORE.

The Very Rev. Brother Isidore, C. F. X., Provincial Superior of the Xaverian Brothers in America, is a visitor to the houses of his order in Kentucky. Brother Isidore came from Baltimore and spent last week at St. Joseph's College. While here he also visited St. Xavier's College and St. Lawrence Institute, where he was favorably impressed with the work conducted by Brother Plus.

MAYSVILLE.

Patrick Slattery, eighty years old and a man of sterling character, died at his home near Maysville on Tuesday, after a three days' illness of pneumonia. During his residence in Kentucky the deceased had led an active and industrious life, enjoying the respect and confidence of the community in which he lived. He was the father of Thomas D. Slattery, United States District Attorney, of Covington.

CORCORAN MEMORIAL.

Referring to the proposed memorial to Gen. Corcoran, the gallant commander of the New York Sixtieth, a Presentation Sister writes that two of the General's grandnieces are members of the Presentation order in Aberdeen, S. D., a grandnephew is a Trappist at Mt. Melleray, Ireland, and a niece in the Mercy Convent, Bristol, England.

SOCIETY DIRECTORY.

A. O. H.

DIVISION 1.
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Sergeant-at-Arms—Thomas Tarpy.
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Vice President—Daniel O'Keefe.
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Financial Secretary—Edward J. Kehran.
Treasurer—Thomas Hannan.
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DIVISION 2.
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V. M. I.

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COMING EVENTS.

January 12-13—Euchre and lotto at Sts. Mary and Elizabeth Hospital, afternoon and evening.

January 24—Motion pictures and vaudeville by Hibernian Social Club at Norman Theater.

January 26-27—Annual charity euchre and lotto for St. Anthony's Hospital, Phoenix Hill Hall.

January 27—Leap Year dance of Ladies' Auxiliary at Schreiber's Hall.

February 7-10—Carnival at Trinity Council Club House, Baxter and Morton.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS.

Late News That Will Interest
Members Here and Elsewhere.

GREAT FEAST.

Omaha Knights will have another class for February.

The big attraction at the Knights' headquarters at Columbus, Ohio, are the bowling alleys.

Thirty-three States have provided for the observance of Columbus day as a legal holiday.

The John McCormack benefit concert added almost \$12,000 to the fund for the New York City home fund.

The new council at Monticello, the fifty-first in Iowa, was established last week with a membership of 100.

Christmas trees provided by councils in many towns and cities brought happiness to large numbers of poor children.

One of the principal social events at Olean, N. Y., is the annual New Year's turkey dinner for the members and their families.

A committee of 100 ladies will have charge of the leap year party to be given next Wednesday by the Knights of Roxbury, Mass.

Louisville Council will have its next initiation during February. The membership will soon reach 1,000, after which there will be big things doing.

SPLendid POSTAL SERVICE.

Postmaster E. T. Schmidt and his assistants deserve high commendation for the promptness and efficiency displayed in the delivery of the holiday mail. The pre-Christmas mail this year was the heaviest in the history of the Louisville Post office, but it was gotten out on time and in a manner that was most satisfactory. This was an achievement the public appreciated and reflects much credit on the local office.

TURKEY PRIZES.

Monday night a New Year's lotto and euchre party will be given by the people of the congregation at St. Charles Hall, Twenty-seventh and Chestnut streets. The games, which are always spirited and enjoyable, will begin at 8:15 o'clock. For this party turkeys will be given as prizes.

IRELAND.

Record of the Most Important of the Recent Events Culled From Exchanges.

The death occurred rather suddenly in his fifty-seventh year of W. Parkinson, Chairman Appleyeix Rural District Council.

Kilmallock Branch of the Gaelic League has voted a condolence with Mrs. O'Keeffe and relatives on the death of the late Jerome O'Keeffe.

A note of condolence on the death of John Mullally was passed by the New Ross Board of Guardians, a member of which he had been for thirty years.

At a meeting of the Meath County Council a. Grogan was elected First Assistant Secretary at \$750 a year. The other candidate was C. Corcoran.

The Kerry County Council at their quarterly meeting sanctioned the borrowing of \$8,000 for the erection of technical schools in Listowel and Killarney.

Patrick McCarthy, a farmer, aged over seventy, Ballygurteen, Bansha, while attending a threshing machine, of which he was the proprietor, suddenly dropped dead.

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TRINITY COUNCIL.

The last meeting of the year of Trinity Council, Y. M. I. was well attended. It was announced that the next initiation will take place Sunday, January 16, and the degrees will be conferred by Mackin Council's team. The Carnival Committee reported that a general meeting for all members and those who contemplate assisting in the home opening carnival will take place Sunday afternoon, January 9. This carnival will be held in Trinity's home, February 7, 8, 9 and 10. The installation of the newly elected officers will take place Monday evening and will be followed by a smoke. On Monday evening, January 10, Trinity will elect delegates to the Federation of Catholic Societies, and on the same evening Trinity Aid Society will also elect officers and directors for the coming year.

Dr. C. J. Giesler reported that the organization of Trinity's Basketball Association had been completed and that an eight-team league had been formed, consisting of members of Trinity Council, and also reported that the schedule was complete and the opening games will be played Tuesday evening, January 4. It will require nearly three months to play off the basketball schedule and by that time an indoor baseball league will be formed among the members. Indoor tennis is also becoming quite popular in Trinity's new gymnasium. From the present outlook Trinity Council enters the New Year in a very encouraging manner and it is forecasted that the coming year will be the most interesting and best in the history of the organization.

THANKS.

The Little Sisters of the Poor desire to tender their most grateful thanks to the kind friends and benefactors who have aided them in their work of caring for the destitute and homeless aged poor. They pray that God may richly compensate each deed and grant all a prosperous New Year.

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His Will Be the Hand That Will
End the Miserable
Struggle.

The Influence of Pope Benedict
XV. Knows Not National
Boundaries.

THOUGHTFUL MEN WONDERING

Now that the year of 1915 has passed into history, thoughtful men are wondering if Pope Benedict XV. will succeed in bringing peace to the warring nations of Europe during 1916. When one considers the position of the Pope in the world today it is not surprising that people of all nationalities are looking to him as the possible peacemaker of Europe. The powers exercised by the successor of St. Peter belong to the office he holds. For him national boundaries do not exist. He is at home in all countries. He is neither pro-German, nor pro-French, nor pro-Russian, nor pro-Austrian, nor pro-Belgian. And it is for this reason that of all the neutral monarchs Benedict XV. is the only one who has already been able to exercise a powerful and beneficial influence on the bellicose nations.

It is true that the Pope's appeal for peace on the anniversary of the war has so far met with no practical results, but it has we feel sure touched a responsive chord in the hearts of suffering millions who are praying daily to God to put an end to this abominable conflict. For all sides have had profound lesson, and no matter how defiant their words, they must be longing for some way out, with honor if not with victory. The saintly life of St. Pius X. was cut short by grief at the fratricidal struggle that had just burst forth in Europe, and Benedict XV., who succeeded him, took the suffering world to his paternal heart and resolved to devote his whole life to the arduous work of reconciliation. "Turning," he says, "a fearful glance at the blood-stained battlefields, we felt the anguish of a father who sees his homestead devastated and in ruins before the fury of the hurricane. And thinking with unutterable regret of our young sons who were being mown down by the thousands, we discerned our heart, enlarged by the charity of Christ, to all the crushing sorrow of the mothers and of the wives made widows before their time and to all the inconsolable laments of the little ones so early bereft of a father's care. Sharing in the anxious fears of innumerable families and fully conscious of the imperative duties imposed on us by the sublime mission of peace and love entrusted to our care in the days of so much sadness, we conceived at once the firm purpose of concentrating all our energy and all our power to the reconciling of the peoples at war."

And so the Pope appeals to the Powers to put an end to the horrible slaughter that is dishonoring Europe. It is the blood of brothers that is being poured out on land and sea. He says: "The most beautiful regions of Europe, this garden of the world, are being sown with corms and with ruin. There where but a short time ago flourished the industry of manufacturers and the fruitful labors of the field, now thunders fearfully the cannon, and in its destructive fury it spares neither village nor city, but spreads everywhere havoc and death."

The Pope appeals to the sentiment of nationality. What will a victorious nation gain by the annexation of territory, by an access of unwilling populations? Nothing but a legacy of discontent and misery. What has happened so often before will happen again in enlarged measure, for as the Holy Father goes on to point out most truly, nations do not die; humbled and oppressed, they chafe under the yoke from generation to generation, a mournful heritage of hatred and vendetta. Is there to be no hope of reconciliation and peace until this miserable struggle, which has set the world running red with human blood, is fought out to the bitter end and each side is constrained to lay down its arms through sheer exhaustion? Blessed is he who first extends the olive branch, cries the Father of Christendom, and considers his hand to the enemy in offering his reasonable conditions of peace.

Peace can not be brought about in a day, but the voice of the Supreme Pontiff has gone unheeded for we know that the warmongers that seventeen years ago would not admit to their abortive peace conference at the Hague a representative of the Holy See are now sensitive of the moral influence of the Holy Father. Some of them, like England and Holland, which had no representative at the Vatican, have now envoys there to facilitate intercourse between the Pope and the governments they represent. Historians record many instances in the course of centuries in which the Pope has used his good offices as arbitrator and mediator, and it is not unlikely that Benedict's will be the hand that will eventually restore the blessing of Europe. In his "Contributions to the History of the Origin of the Great War" M. B. Valter, a Protestant writer in Holland, says: "There is only one power standing without and above the parties (to the struggle of nations) and entitled by its moral position to interfere. When it thinks the opportune moment has come this power will undoubtedly do so." This power is His Holiness the Pope. All those who love peace for itself, be they Protestants, like the author, or Catholics, and who feel impelled to plead for peace with some man, must go to Rome, and not direct their appeal to governments, not one of which can be considered a

disinterested party to the questions at issue. The influence of the Holy Father knows no national boundaries and is strong in England also. His great spiritual prestige must be conceded by all countries. Hence the appointment of a Dutch Ambassador to the Vatican is not only the fulfilling of a long-neglected, great and急切的 duty toward the Catholic fellow citizen, but also, under existing circumstances, an act of peace and wisdom, not to say a meeting of an urgent demand of the times."

DEATH CALLS TWICE.

Death called twice within three days at the home of Miss Minnie Campbell, 1523 West Jefferson street, taking from her on Friday her saintly mother, Mrs. Eliza Campbell, widow of the late James T. Campbell, and on Sunday her sister, Miss Annie Campbell, and the double funeral was held from St. Patrick's church Tuesday morning. Mrs. Campbell became ill on Tuesday last week with pneumonia and sank rapidly. She would have been seventy-three years of age on Saturday and had been looking forward to a happy family Christmas celebration of the anniversary. The daughter, who had been an invalid for years, was greatly affected by her mother's illness and before her death suffered a nervous breakdown. She soon lapsed into unconsciousness and on Sunday passed away without knowing that her mother had died. Both were devout members of St. Patrick's church, being members of the Third Order of St. Francis and the Sodality of the Blessed Virgin. Miss Minnie Campbell is the only surviving member of the family, and for her there is felt the most sincere sympathy.

MACKIN COUNCIL DOINGS.

Monday night there was a well attended meeting of Mackin Council, when the members enjoyed a forceful and timely address delivered by the Rev. Father Francis O'Connor, of the Cathedral. Father O'Connor spoke words of encouragement for Mackin and pointed out for the young men how they should conduct themselves and thus stand out for commendation everywhere. President Lynn reminded the members of the installation to be held Monday night and urged all to be present to give Seb Hubbuch and his administration a good sendoff. Chairman John R. Barry announced that the basketball team was ready to start the season on New Year's day. The team, he said, has been strengthened considerably by the addition of Kavanaugh and Hogan, and with Schott, Michot, Meisner and Rihm, from last season, will compare with the best teams around the Falls Cities. The Mackin's quintet will defend the title of the West End, as they have in the past, and would like to hear from teams desiring to arrange for games.

LAST OF YEAR.

Division 1, A. O. H., held its last meeting of the year on Thursday of last week, and to the delight of the "old guard" President Mark Ryan expedited the business and all were enabled to depart early. All affairs of the past year were settled and the division's interests in general pronounced in fine shape for 1916. Thomas Shelly, Michael Claire, and Michael O'Brien, who were sick, were reported improving. Before closing the meeting President Ryan spoke with perceptible emotion of the departed members and appointed Secretary Daniel McCarthy, William M. Higgins and Martin J. Gavin a committee to draft resolutions on the death of Patrick Harty, an old and faithful member of the order.

HONORED LOCAL JUDGES.

On Tuesday of this week there were two important gatherings in this city, the Circuit Judges and lawyers of the State and the Louisville Bar Association. There was a banquet at the Seelbach Hotel and able addresses by Judge John D. Carroll and others. The Bar Association honored Judge James Quarles with the Presidency for the coming year, while the Circuit Judges selected Judge Samuel J. Kirby as the head of their association.

CARDINAL GIVES APPROVAL.

With the consent of Cardinal Gibbons the Prayer Meeting Committee of the Billy Sunday campaign management will send a letter to the Catholic clergy of Baltimore asking their co-operation in a prayer for the success of the Sunday campaign in that city. This announcement was made Monday at the meeting of the Executive Committee by the Rev. Dr. George C. Peck, who with the Rev. Dr. Don S. Coit had been appointed a committee to call on the Cardinal. The Cardinal, according to Dr. Peck, said he was glad to approve Sunday's soundness of doctrine in certain great truths neglected by many modern churches, and stated that he had no objection to the suggested letter being addressed to the energy of his church.

BADLY MIXED.

The writer of the Catholic church notes for the Sunday Courier Journal was badly mixed this week. None here know anything of a dinner by prominent Catholics of Louisville in honor of His Eminence Cardinal Gibbons, to take place January 9. But there will be, as heretofore stated in these columns, a annual dinner in Washington in honor of the Cardinal, at which the Rev. Father C. J. O'Connell, of Bardstown, has been invited to be the president of the distinguished company.

FATHER DALY STRICKEN.

Wednesday the sad news reached this city that the Rev. Father Hugh Daly, for twenty-seven years the beloved pastor of St. James church at Elizabethtown, had been stricken and was critically ill. Father Daly is about eighty years of age, and his recovery was looked upon as extremely doubtful. He was always an energetic and zealous priest, and the news of his death will be read with regret throughout the diocese and State.

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